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Fifteenth report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2010-2011

1. The Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions has considered the statement submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly on the programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.3/64/L.36, on the situation of human rights in Myanmar (A/C.5/64/9).

2. As indicated in paragraph 2 of the statement of the Secretary-General (A/C.5/64/9), under the terms of operative paragraph 30 of draft resolution A/C.3/64/L.36, the General Assembly would request the Secretary-General: (a) to continue to provide his good offices and to pursue his discussions on the situation of human rights, the transition to democracy and the national reconciliation process with the Government and the people of Myanmar, including democracy and human rights groups and all relevant parties, and to offer technical assistance to the Government in that regard; (b) to give all necessary assistance to enable the Special Adviser and the Special Rapporteur to discharge their mandates fully and effectively and in a coordinated manner; and (c) to report to the General Assembly at its sixty-fifth session as well as to the Human Rights Council on the progress made in the implementation of that resolution.

3. The activities related to the implementation of the requests are described in paragraphs 4 to 7 of the statement. Paragraphs 8 to 12 contain information on the estimated resource requirements. The Advisory Committee notes that the Secretary-General estimates that the costs of continuing the good offices efforts through his Special Adviser on Myanmar for a one-year period (1 January to 31 December 2010) amount to $1,159,100 net ($1,281,600 gross).

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4. With regard to the request contained in the last part of paragraph 30 (a) of draft resolution A/C.3/64/L.36, concerning technical assistance, such assistance, if requested, would be accommodated within the technical cooperation activities of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights. With regard to the request contained in paragraph 30 (b) of draft resolution A/C.3/64/L.36, pertaining to the Special Rapporteur, the Secretary-General has informed the General Assembly, in his report on the revised estimates resulting from resolutions and decisions adopted by the Human Rights Council at its tenth and eleventh sessions (A/64/353), that implementation of the activities called for in Council resolution 10/27 (A/64/53, chap. II, sect. A) are considered of a "perennial nature" and as such, provision of an estimated $145,000 to implement the activities of the Special Rapporteur has been made under section 23, Human rights, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2010-2011.

5. **Bearing in mind paragraph 11 of the statement of the Secretary-General, the Advisory Committee recommends that the Fifth Committee inform the General Assembly that, should it adopt draft resolution A/C.3/64/L.36, additional requirements of up to $1,159,100 net ($1,281,600 gross) would be required for the period from 1 January to 31 December 2010, under section 3, Political affairs, of the programme budget for the biennium 2010-2011, for the continuation of the efforts of the good offices of the Secretary-General relating to the situation in Myanmar. Requirements have been included in the report of the Secretary-General on estimates in respect of special political missions, good offices and other political initiatives authorized by the Assembly and/or the Security Council (A/64/349/Add.1).**